

Donald D. Baker Cattle Company, LLC And Donald D. Baker Are Assessed a Civil Penalty in the Amount of \$17,500

WASHINGTON, May 21, 2009 - On May 7, 2009, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) entered into a decision without hearing by reason of consent with Donald D. Baker Cattle Company, LLC (Baker Cattle Company) and Donald D. Baker (Baker), Galax, Virginia.

Baker Cattle Company and Baker have been ordered to cease and desist from failing to pay sellers the full purchase price for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act. Baker Cattle Company and Baker have also been assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$17,500.

The decision resolves charges that were filed on June 4, 2008, in which GIPSA alleged that Baker Cattle Company and Baker failed to pay sellers for the sale of their livestock within the time period required by the P&S Act.

Baker Cattle Company is registered with the Secretary of Agriculture as a dealer to buy and sell livestock in commerce for its own account and as a market agency to buy and sell livestock on a commission basis.

Baker is the sole member of Baker Cattle Company, holds 100% of membership interest, and is responsible for the day to day direction, management and control of Baker Cattle Company.

The P&S Act is a fair trade practice and payment protection law that promotes fair and competitive marketing environments for the livestock, meat, and poultry industries.

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